

• INFO memo - Sept. 26, 2003

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Planning for Bond Issue Begins Saturday

Planning for the April, 2004, bond issue for the City of Broken Arrow will begin Saturday morning, Sept. 27, at The Great Hall of Main Place, 1800 S. Main. All citizens are invited to attend the half-day program.

Mayor Richard Carter, in a letter this month to citizens, explained that "Broken Arrow remains the fastest growing city in the Tulsa metro area, and maybe the entire state." That growth, he stated, makes it imperative that the City government continues to plan for the future, while addressing current needs.

A continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:30 a.m., with the program due to begin at 8:30. Following presentations by City Staff members on some of the most important needs, there will be breakout sessions at which citizens attending will be able to voice their opinions about what should be included in the bond packages – in the areas of public safety, quality of life and transportation.

A final report will be given by each of four groups working through the breakout sessions. All the ideas brought out at the workshop will be forwarded to the committees which begin preparation of the final proposals for the City Council. That group will have the final say on what goes before the voters.

City Holds Public Auction Saturday Morning

Surplus assets of the City of Broken Arrow will be sold at a public auction Saturday morning (Sept. 27) at the Maintenance Center, 1700 W. Main. The auction will be conducted by Duckwall & Company, Inc.

Items available range from desks and chairs to printers, photo I.D. systems, power tools, heavy equipment and vehicles such as former police cars, trucks, etc.

Everything will be sold to the highest bidder, with cash payments due at the time of sale (cashier's check or company check accompanied by a bank letter of guarantee will also be accepted).

Camino Villa Resident Praises City

A resident of Camino Villa called the City recently to praise what has been done in that community since it was annexed to Broken Arrow.

The man, who has lived in Camino Villa for about 23 years, said the streets have never looked this good.

City Public Works crews have been working long hours since the annexation to bring water service to Camino Villa, as well as resurface roads in the mobile home center.

Community Center Busy Place Saturday

Broken Arrow's Community Center will be hopping Saturday (Sept. 27) as it hosts two major events.

The Tulsa Antique Bottle Club will be holding its Glass and Bottle Show there, while the Main Street Merchants of Broken Arrow will be using the same facility for its annual arts and crafts fair.

Both events are free, and there's plenty of parking in the Central Park area.

On Sept. 18 the Center was the site of the Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase. There are adult and teen volleyball leagues playing there now as well.

Alarm Permit Renewals Due Oct. 1

Those residents and business owners who have First Responder Alarm Permits with the City should have those renewed by Oct. 1.

The permits are needed to get police to the scene of any reported alarms without verification from the alarm company or someone at the scene. The permits began being used by the City three years ago when false alarm runs became so commonplace that they were costing the PD a great deal of time and money.

Police Chief Todd Wuestewald points out that since the permits began being used, there have been almost no false alarms. That enables on-duty officers to spend more time on their other calls.

The alarm forms are available at City Hall in the Water Department, or can be printed out from the City's web site (www.brokenarrowok.gov), with links to Our Citizens, Information.

Centennial Draws to a Close Oct. 4

The final event of the City's Centennial Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4, with a street dance and the burial of the official time capsule.

The street dance will feature everything from square dancing to bobby sox days and will be held at the intersection of Main and Broadway. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the roadway will be closed to traffic at that point.

At 8:30 the time capsule will be buried in Centennial Park at that same location. A committee has been working long and hard to put together items for the capsule, which is due to be opened in another 50 years.

Youth Basketball Signups Begin

Youngsters wishing to participate in 2003-2004 youth basketball leagues should register one of the next two Saturdays at the Youth Sports Building, 1005 S. Main.

There are leagues for boys and girls in grades two through eight. Many of the practices and games are held at the Community Center.